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Six Little Feet on the Fender.

In my heart there liveth a picture
Of a kitchen rude and old,
Where the firelight tripped o'er the rafters
And reddened the roof's brown mould;
Gilding the steam from the kettle
That hummed on the hot-worn hearth,
Throughout the livelong evening,
Its measures of drowsy mirth.

Because of the three light shadows
That frescoed the rude old room,—
Because of the voices echoed
Up 'mid the rafters' gloom—
Because of the feet on the fender,
Six restless, white little feet—
The thoughts of that dear old kitchen
Are to me so dear and sweet.

When the first dun cricket at twilight
Told of the coming rain,
Oh! where are the fresh young faces
That crowded against the pane?
While bits of firelight stealing,
Their dimpled cheeks between,
Went struggling out in the darkness,
In shreds of silver sheen.

Two of the feet grew weary
One dreary, dismal day,
And we tied them with snow white ribbons
Leaving him there by the way.
There was fresh clay on the fender
That weary wintry night,
For the four little feet had tracked it
From the grave on the brown hill's height.

Oh! why on that darksome evening,
This evening of rain and sleet,
Rest my feet all alone on the hearthstone?
Oh! where are those other feet?
Are they treading the pathway of virtue
That will bring us together above?
Or have they made steps that will dampen
A sister's tireless love?

MISCELLANEOUS.

A WOMAN'S STORY.

BY DOCTOR SCOTT CARR.

I should have been better; I might have been worse. How much better, how much worse, the story will disclose.

I had just entered my seventh year when my father, M. Vicie, gave me a new mother in the person of the handsome and and imperious widow of Colonel Lalor, and a brother of Mrs. Lalor's only child, a boy of twelve.

Albert Lalor, with his handsome face, strong will and pleasant ways, soon became my master, ruling my impetuous spirit with a success that no one else co'd. Madame Vicie looked on with a proud, self-satisfied smile, and more than once I heard her murmur in her sweet, imperious tones:

"They must marry, Phillippe. Your Vi must be my Albert's wife."

And my father would laugh and nod his head approvingly, evidently well pleased with the idea.

But these happy days slipped by all too rapidly.

My father died. Albert was finishing his collegiate course. I, in accordance with my father's will, was sent to Paris to be finished under the care of his old and valued friend, Madame Dupont.

Four years later I returned to my stepmother.

It was near the close of a bleak winter day that I reached Gray Fell. But, bleak as it was, my handsome, stately stepmother met me on the steps of the great pillared portico.

"Ah!" she exclaimed, half under her breath, as she held me off a moment and keenly scrutinized me with her great, lustrous black eyes. Then a warm smile parted her lips, and kissing me tenderly, she added:

"You are beautiful, my child; far more beautiful than I imagined. Albert will be charmed. Ah! a blush, dearest? You have not forgotten my old hope, then! But come, come, dear, the air is bitterly keen."

And gathering up the shining length of her black satin, she swept, queen-like, before me, pausing in the hall only long enough to allow a kindly word or two to the assembled servants.

Then, with a rare condescension, she glanced at the time-piece and turned to my maid:

"Take Mademoiselle's wraps, Manton," she said quickly and imperiously, "and then lay out some of her handsomest dresses," adding, smilingly, as her eyes returned to me: "I shall superintend your toilet this evening, my dear. Dinner will be served in less than an hour, and I want you to appear at your best when you descend to the drawing-room. Albert shall be dazzled at first sight."

I blushed, and, with a low, happy laugh, she kissed me and patted my burning cheeks.

The business of the toilet concluded, Madame Vicie stepped back and eyed me critically. A glowing smile directly attested her entire satisfaction; but she cried eagerly:

"You are glorious, Vi!—simply glorious!—a very Eastern princess from your tawny head to your fairy feet! That ruby velvet, with its rich laces, becomes your splendid brunette beauty rarely, while those creamy white roses adorn your dusky locks most faultlessly Ah, child, I am proud of you! you are sure to charm my noble boy. But come, darling," she concluded hastily, "he returned from town some time ago; let us descend."

When we entered the brilliantly-lighted drawing-room it was tenanted by two persons—a handsome, kindly-looking man, whom I recognised at once as my step-brother, and a tall, slender girl with heavenly blue eyes, pearly skin and a shimmering crown of pale, golden hair.

A faint damask tinted the girl's cheek as we entered, and I noticed that the gentleman rose with suspicious haste from the chair very close to her own. I fancied, too, that he had even more hastily dropped one of the dainty white hands toying with a bunch of blue forget-me-nots that matched a tiny cluster half hidden in the fleecy gold of her lovely hair.

I had heard of this fair girl, and that her home would henceforth be at Grey Fell. But for the first time, it occurred to me that she might be destined to step between me and the man I had slowly learned to think of only too tenderly.

With a sharp, jealous pang I extended my hand to Albert Lalor, who had hastened to me, his fine eyes glowing with admiration and pleasure.

His greeting was cordial and evidently pleased his mother.

"But why don't you kiss her, my son, as in the old days?" she smiled gayly.

And, with an answering smile, Albert bent his grand head and pressed his bearded lips lightly to mine.

"Ah! what a charming blush!" laughed my stepmother, touching my glowing cheek caressingly with her soft, white fingers.

I smiled, but my heart throbbed painfully under the rubby velvet bodice that became me so well. Beneath the pressure of those boarded lips my wayward woman's heart had leaped from tenderness to a full, fierce, passionate love.

I lifted my eyes, instrous with the new-born feeling, to the handsome, smiling face of my brother, and again my heart swelled with jealous pain at sight of its unruffled calm.

But the next moment Madame Vicie claimed my attention.

"Vi, dearest, my great-niece, Peri Holbrook." She smiled.

I turned my eyes from Albert's face to meet the eager, half-frightened gaze of the golden-haired girl I could but admire.

I bowed, and somewhat coldly accepted the proffered hand, and answered the few musical words of gentle welcome.—Then I involuntarily flashed a swift glance at Albert.

Ah! how the blood leaped through my veins! And how I hated the charming creature standing before me, so regally graceful and sweet. Yes, hated her; for there could be no mistaking the brooding tenderness and passion with which my stepbrother was regarding her.

But only for an instant did his eyes betray him; and, as the pleasant hours of the evening flew by, I grew half disposed to laugh at my jealous pain. Nevertheless, when my stepmother followed me to my room I smiled lightly.

"Peri is very lovely, mama, and Albert seems to admire her."

Madame Vicie turned a glance upon me that covered my face with a flood of color.

"Nay, nay," she laughed softly the next instant, winding her arm caressingly about me. "You have no cause for jealousy, my love. Albert is heart-whole and knows well it is my dearest wish to see him your husband. Knowing this," she added, with haughty sternness, "he would not care brave me by love another." Then, with a swift return to her former tenderness, she continued: "My dear child, I trust you can make me happy by loving my handsome and noble son?"

I could not bear the gaze of her penetrating black eye, soft as it was, and my face dropped blushingly to her friendly shoulder.

"I am eloquently answered, love," she whispered softly; "and let me say that, with your rare beauty and winning grace, you are sure to garner his whole heart. May Heaven bless you my dear!"

Then, as she kissed me good night, she cried earnestly:

"Don't rush into jealousy, Vi. Peri is a good and beautiful girl; but Albert gives her only a cousinly affection.—Though she is in no way dependent upon me pecuniarly, I promised her dying mother to give her a home at Gray Fell, as you know, and you can see, my love, how very unpleasant it would make it for you to brood over a foolish jealousy. So, dear, put all that nonsense out of your charming head and rest assured that I am right. My eyes are keen, and in the eighteen months she has been at Gray Fell must inevitably have penetrated a secret of that kind."

"Of course mamma is right," I murmured as the door closed on her imperial form, and I summoned Manton.

But, my maid dismissed, I sat down in my dressing gown and stared at the glowing coals, my thoughts and feelings in an anxious whirl. After a time I arose, sighing impatiently.

"I can't sleep, I will go down and get a book."

With the words I crept out into the hall.

I had traversed half its length when the sound of stealthy steps on the stairs sent me, with bated breath behind the heavy damask curtains of a window near me.

Burglars were in my mind, but I made no outcry. The next minute the steps passed a few feet from me and I was quickly undeceived.

A voice I well know, murmured in hushed tones, "Don't grieve, my darling, it will all come right. Only be patient, my own."

And I felt rather than heard the soft kiss that finished the sentence.

It was Peri's voice that answered:

"Oh, Albert! Albert!" she breathed, falteringly. "Where is it all to end?—We have done very, very wrong, dearest. And oh, Albert, she loves you! I saw it in those great, passionate, dusky eyes of hers to-night and in a vague terror of the future I stared almost wildly at her as Aunt Ray presented me."

"Nonsense!" laughed my step-brother, softly. And then he murmured in graver accents: "You my we have done wrong, darling. Remember that we had to choose between two evils. Remember that my mother possesses an iron will. She would have ground us both to powder rather than consent to what we—"

"Yes, yes, I know," sighed Peri, before he could finish the sentence I was panting to hear.

"Then cease to grieve, darling," he whispered. "And now, once more, good night."

And I knew he folded her close to his heart for a brief moment.

As their doors closed noiselessly upon their retiring forms I crept weakly back to my chamber, pride, anger and despair clutching at my heart-strings.

With a stifled cry I flung myself passionately on the rug before the fire and buried my face in the tiger-skin covering a pile of soft, yielding hassocks.

"Lost! lost to me!" I moaned in my fierce agony. And then starting upright, I panted with vengeful breath.—But what meant that unfinished sentence? Can they—"

And then I paused and stared breathlessly at the glowing coals.

"Ah! I will watch! I will watch!" I muttered later.

And I shivered at the sound of my own low, relentless voice.

I did watch.

Madame Vicie never dreamed of the task that engaged me; nor did the victims of my pride and love. I took care to be always gay and charming, so how could they suspect?

But sometimes I marvelled that my keen-eyed step-mother failed to observe Peri's pallor and evident sadness.

"Ah, well," I laughed harshly to myself, "she will see it all in good time, and then let them look to themselves!" So I silently shadowed the pair.

Night after night they stole an hour of blissful peace in the ante-room of the dim, old library, and night after night I was ruthlessly on their track. But in vain I listened to their fond speech. The unfinished sentence I had caught in the hall above remained unfinished.

But one wild, bleak night, a month later, my task was ended. With stifled breath I noiselessly crept from the library to my step-mother's chamber.

She sat in her dressing gown before the fire, lost in an enchanting book. At my stealthy and unceremonious entrance she glanced up.

"Great Heavens!" she cried, dropping her book and staring at me in alarm.—"Are you ill, Vi?"

I laughed a harsh, short laugh.

"Only transformed into a Nemesis, mama."

"A Nemesis!" echoed my step-mother in slow tones of profound amazement, the next instant adding impetuously, "you look like a beautiful spirit from Hades!"

I shrugged my shoulders with another harsh laugh.

"Come!" I said imperiously. "Come and I will show you my Hades!"

She stared at me wonderingly, and half shrunk as my icy little hand clasped hers.

"Softly, madame?" I whispered, as we left her room.

Directly she was standing at the slightly open door, at which I had so often stood.

I felt her nails sink deep in the palm of my hand as her blazing eyes rested on the scene beyond. I heard her breath come in swift, angry gusts.

For a full minute she stood thus. Then dropping my hand, she flung back the door and swept into the dimly-lighted room.

The pair sitting so lovingly before the fire started to their feet, Peri with a sharp cry of anguish. Albert's first words were given to her:

"Be brave, my love!" he smiled down upon her in accents of melting tenderness.

But his lips were white and his eyes glowing.

"What means all this?" demanded Madame Vicie, in awfully hushed tones, gazing from one to the other with an anger before which even my fierce spirit quailed.

"It means this mother," replied Albert, unfalteringly, as he stepped a pace forward and circled more closely the slender form of the pallid girl beside him. "It means that for three months Peri has been my wife—"

"Wife!" gasped the stepmother, staggering back as if she had received a blow. And then she screamed pleadingly: "Not your wife, Albert!"

"Yes, mother, my wife," he returned sadly and firmly, while great tears rolled over Peri's white face. "We grieved to do it secretly, mother, but—"

My stepmother lifted her hand. She had quite recovered herself now.

"Silence!" she commanded, in those awfully hushed tones.

"Ask no forgiveness! Ask no blessing! Peri, go! Leave this house, now and forever. Go, and may my curse follow you to the last hour of your life! Albert you are my son. Go or stay, as you will; but know that from this hour I never speak to you again. From this hour know your blessing my bitterest curse!"

"Mother——"

"Silence!" again commanded my stepmother in fearfully concentrated tones. "Go! Not a word! Put that creature forth at once!" pointing her white finger at Peri's bowed head.

"Say you forgive, mother," pleaded Albert. "Say—"

"Silence!" almost thundered Madame Vicie, her face ghastly as the dead.

He turned away then.

"Come, my darling, we will go," he murmered with infinite tenderness to Peri.

And catching up a cloak and hood she had cast there only a few hours before, he wrapped her tenderly in them and led her to the door.

There they paused and looked back at Madame Veile.

"Farewell, mother," they said softly, "and Heaven forgive us and you!"

Madame gazed stonily at them without a word or gesture, and they sighed and turned away.

Directly the hall door clanged heavily after them. As it did so my step-mother turned calmly to me:

"I am sorry for you, Vi," she said briefly, in stern even tones. "Let us go bed."

And with firm step and erect form led me up to my room. There she kissed me good-night, saying calmly as she closed the door:

"From this moment they are dead to us! Never mention their names again."

It was all over now. I hated my vengeance.

"It is well!" I said, as my head touched my pillow.

The days came and went. My step-mother was erect, cold and imperious as ever. Not by word, look or tone did she betray her secret suffering. But at the end of a year she had lost every vestige of youth and health. A pale, gaunt old woman, she sat in her easy chair now.

One morning she called me to her. It was on my nineteenth birthday.

"Vi," she said, curtly, "it is all Dead Sea fruit!"

I gazed at her, dimly comprehending her meaning. Then said:

"They have a little daughter, Vi, and they have named her after me!—Ray Lalor. Vi! Shall we have them back, Vi?"

She looked at me wistfully. There was brief strife between the evil and then replied:

"It is Dead Sea fruit, mamma. We will have them back. I can look upon Albert as my brother now."

"Thank Heaven!" exclaimed Madame Vicie.

And three days later Albert Peri and the little Ray were established at Grey Fell.

A Terrible Storm in Mexico.

A Mexican exchange gives an account of a fearful storm which swept over the ranch Jesus Maria and vicinity, State of Coahuila, recently. About five o'clock in the afternoon the clouds commenced to lower and the heavens became black as night. A torrent of rain, accompanied by the most fearful lightning, fell with terrible fury. The torrent continued an hour with unabated force, when a shower of hailstones fell, some of which were nearly as large as oranges. During the time the mountains seemed to shake from their foundation and the earth appeared to tumble as if stricken by an earthquake. The vacqueros found whole herds of cattle beaten to death by hailstones, and flocks of sheep were decimated. The bodies of dead coyotes and other wild animals were found down the valleys, evidently having fled from the mountains through fright. Crops suffered greatly, and in one instance the hail literally covered an immense field. A number of human lives were lost. The storm was the most destructive and frightful ever known in the State.

What an Old Man has Noticed.

I have noticed that all men are honest when well watched.

I have noticed that purses will hold pennies as well as pounds.

I have noticed that in order to be a reasonable creature, it is necessary at times to be downright mad.

I have noticed that silks, broadcloths and jewels are often bought with other people's money.

I have noticed that whatever is, is right, with few exceptions—the left eye and left leg and the left side of a plum pudding.

I have noticed that the prayer of the selfish man is, "Forgive us our debts," while he makes everybody that owes him pay to the utmost farthing.

I have noticed that he who thinks every man a rogue, is certain to see one when he shaves himself, and he ought, in mercy to his neighbor, to surrender the rascal to justice.

I have noticed that money is the fool's wisdom, the knave's reputation, the poor man's desire, the covetous man's ambition and the idol of them all.

What Cheek Will Do For a Man.

A son of a Maine who went West in early youth, and had there attained wealth and an honorable position, returned last Summer to visit his old home. At the village store he saw an old man whom he had known in his younger days. He accosted him but was not recognized. "So you don't know me," he said, "I am John R——." "You!" exclaimed the old man, "you don't mean to tell me that you are John R——?" "Certainly, I am," said the visitor, shaking him by the hand, "and I'm very glad to see you again." "Well," persisted the old man, "I never did. To think that this is you. They tell me you have grown awful rich, John;" John admitted that he had "saved something." "And they say you're the president of a railroad, and get a big salary." Again John had to admit that rumor spoke the truth. "I'm glad on it, John; I'm glad on it, my boy! It beats all what circumstances and cheek will do for a man."

A Wild Man.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* reports the recent capture of a singular wild man, who for eighteen years has been ranging up and down the Cumberland Mountains and making himself a terror to the inhabitants. He was captured by a party of men who forced him into a net and secured him after a hard struggle. He is described as being over six feet high, and with his entire body covered with scales, which fall off at stated periods and are renewed like the skin of a snake. He has subsisted for years on roots and herbs and on fish, which he would pursue and capture by diving into the water, and which he would devour raw.

HUMOROUS.

His face was tortured with despair,
And wildly rolled his eye,
Six ways for Sunday stood his hair—
His collar was awry.

"Stand forth, O, wreck, and tell us why
You madly thus carouse?"
"Alas," he stuttered, with a sigh
"*My wife is cleaning house.*"

"Throw wide, throw wide the prison gate
The Mayor load did shout,
"I know how bitter is his fate,
Policemen, let him out!"

Miss-employed: A young lady at work.

It is better to give than to receive—a bill.

There is nothing quite so shocking as an earthquake.

Truth is stranger than fiction, for there is less of it.

Lips is a noun, and yet they often make a conjunction.

Approaching a crisis—Walking toward a restless little baby.

Oats that will grow in winter as thriftily as in summer—wild oats.

Love levels all ranks, but you can't love an onion enough to level its rank.

A standing joke—Inviting a hundred people to a party in a house where there are only fifty chairs.

Why does the new moon remind one of a giddy girl? Because she is so young to show much reflection.

"Madam," said a tramp on Cottage Hill, "would you give me an old pair of pants, for I'm starvin' to death."

Young swell—I should like to have my moustache dyed. Polite barber—Certainly; did you bring it with you.

The heart beats 100,800 times in twenty-four hours. Girls thinking of giving their hearts away should look out for the beats.

Two small but benevolent infants in the park. "Oh, dear, my beetle's only got five legs." "Break another one off, Johnny, so's he won't be lame."

An ugly, mean, horrid, awful, shocking old newspaper published in Hackensack says: "In the summer season the muslin dress covers the most legs."

"Grandma, why don't you keep a servant any longer?" Well you see my child, I am getting old now, and can't take care of one as I used to, you know."

"Jane," said he, "I think if you lifted your feet away from the fire, we might have some heat in the room." And they hadn't been married two years, either.

An Oil City young man calls his breastpin consistency, because, he says, "consistency, thou art a jewel," but his friends say it is because it is of the consistency paste.

A divine passing a fashionable church, on which a spire was being erected, was asked how much higher it was to be. "Not much; that congregation don't own very far in that direction."

A poor but high-spirited woman in Chicago pounds an old rag on the kitchen table every morning, to make her neighbors believe that she has beefsteak for breakfast.—*Free Press.*

"Tom Thumb claims to hold the belt for kissing"—says he has kissed over a million ladies. Some young men have won a belt by simply kissing one young lady. They got it on the sly.—*Hagerstown Herald.*

Little Laura was tired and sleepy on Christmas night, when she went to bed, and forgot to say her "*Now I lay me.*" "I couldn't go to Heaven to-night, ma-ma," said she as her mother was pulling off her little stockings.—"Why not, darling?" "'Tus I'm too tired."

"How did you come to get married?" asked a man of a very homely friend. "Well, you see," he replied, "after I vainly tried to win several girls that I wanted, I finally turned my attention to one that wanted me, and then it didn't take long to arrange matters."

"Mamma," said a wicked youngster, "Am I a canoe?" "No child, why do you ask?" "Oh, because you always say you like to see people paddle their own canoe, and I didn't know but maybe I was yours!" The boy went out of the door with more reference to speed than grace.

An Irishman went to the theater for the first time. Just as the curtain descended on the first act a boiler in the basement exploded, and he was blown through the roof, coming down in the next street. After coming to his senses, he asked "An what place do you play next?"

A young woman who had never learned the gentle art of cookery, being desirous of impressing her husband with her knowledge and diligence manages to have the kitchen door ajar on the day after their return from the bridal trip, and just as her lord comes from the office exclaims loudly, "Hurry up, Eliza, do! Haven't you washed the lettuce yet? Here, give it to me; where's the soap?"

A young woman who was married in Westfield, Mass., a few weeks ago, applied for a divorce on the ground that her husband has thick lips. This is varying the plea somewhat. Men have often sued for a divorce because their wives have had too much "lip" and insisted upon giving a large portion of it to their husbands; but for a man to have too much lip for his wife—well, this is a day of marvels!

A colored man in Georgia was brought to trial before his church on a charge of stealing bacon. After a number of witnesses had been examined the deacons retired, and soon afterward returned the following verdict: "That Mr. Moses Bladso am ackwitted of de misdemeans dar he actual stole de pork, as 'twas mos sho bet dat sumbody else mitten't have been wearin' his close; but de bruddren is hereby 'fectionately warned dat in de future he must be more keerful."

THE McKEAN MINER.

H. F. Barbour - - - Editor.

Smethport, Pa., May 22, 1878.

THE New York Legislature adjourned *sine die* on Thursday.

MR. YOCUM continues to vote with the Democrats in Congress on nearly all important questions. Why?

IN consequence of the rapid sales of the four per cent. certificates no more depositories for their sale will be designated.

NEARLY all the Union soldiers in the employ of the U. S. Senate have been removed by the Democrats to make room for ex-confederates. What do the comrades of the "boys in blue" think of that?

THE Democratic majority in the U. S. Senate, have determined to oust Senator Kellogg, who was awarded his seat two years ago. Neither facts nor justice will prevail in the case. Democratic necessity decrees the outrage, and Kellogg must go. Selah!

ALMOST anything stupid may be expected from the belligerent Democratic editor in this trying emergency, but he does not seem to be making himself unnecessarily ridiculous when he tries to scare somebody by accusing President Hayes of ambition to become a despot.

MR. CYRUS W. FIELD is not too poor, after all, to subscribe for $100,000 stock in a new cable company to connect California with Japan, via the Sandwich Islands, and to go to Paris to participate in the Darien Canal Congress. It is hardly time to start five cent subscriptions for his benefit yet therefore.

SENATOR CHANDLER takes the correct view of the mere mud-slinger of the press. When he was asked the other day why he did not bring suit for libel against an editor who had slandered him, he replied that he once knew a boy who was encountered by a skunk on his way home from Sunday-school. He threw his bible at the beast, but succeeded only in spoiling the Bible without injuring the skunk. He thinks the wise course is to walk away; and he is right.

NEW YORK State has taken a long stride toward biennial legislative sessions. The Constitutional amendment prescribing this change has now been approved by both Houses at Albany, having passed the Senate by an almost unanimous vote. It is a significant fact that Senators who helped to vote this measure down last year recorded themselves in favor of it Thursday. The amendment must still be approved by the Legislature of 1880 before being submitted to the people.

IT HAS become the fashion to find fault with the Pennsylvania Legislature, and the present body has received its share of fault finding. Yet we predict that when the record is made up it will be found that the present Legislature will present a cleaner sheet than most of its predecessors. There have no doubt been many attempts at jobbery and corruption, as there always will be, but in the present case they have been uniformly unsuccessful.

SECRETARY SHERMAN agrees with every other careful observer in the belief that this extra session has made the Republican party more harmonious than it has been for ten years. He tells the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* that a Democratic backdown is inevitable, sooner or later, and that when it comes it will throw upon that party the responsibility for all the evils and expense of the extra session. If the Democrats adjourn without passing the Army bill, he is sure they will give the Republicans a better issue than ever, for they will show the country that they provided for their own salaries, but left the soldier, fighting the battles of his country on the frontier, to starve.

THREE branches of the great Presbyterian church of the United States met by their representatives in general assembly last Thursday. The Presbyterian church in the United States of America," as the Northern church styles itself, assembled at Saratoga, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Thomas L. Patton, moderator of the last assembly," on "the incarnation of Christ and its relations to the topics of modern times." "The Presbyterian church in the United States," as the southern body delights to be known, assembled in Louisville, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. T. E. Peck, moderator of the last general assembly of that branch. And then the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly, representing a very much smaller constituency than either of the other two, met in Memphis on the same day. Between the northern and southern Presbyterian churches there exists no barrier to complete union save a question of honor, growing out of slavery troubles in the past, which ought to have been settled long before this time.

Many good people think the general assembly of the Northern church, with its 50,000 membership, is too large a body for legislative and practical purposes. Some, however, do not. And from the manner in which an overture on representation, sent down by the last assembly, has been received by the various presbyteries of the land, it would seem that the majority of Presbyterians prefer the body as it is to one that they know not of. Of the 179 presbyteries into which the church and its missions are divided, 127 have been heard from, and 94 of these have voted against the overture, and 43 in its favor. The assembly will therefore not be reduced this year in the number of members: but it is likely another plan of reduction will be suggested to the presbyteries.

At Saratoga Rev. H. H. Jessup, D. D., missionary from Syria, was chosen moderator. Dr. Jessup is a native of Montrose, Pa., where he was born in 1832. He is a son of the late Judge Jessup, of that place, and has been missionary in Beyroot, Syria, for the past twenty-three years. Rev. John Burrows, of Williamsport, is the commissioner representing the presbytery of Northumberland. The assembly will probably remain in session ten days.

CONVERSION OF THE AMERICAN DEBT.

From the London Saturday Review.

The completion at the end of last week of the conversion of the United States debt, *so far as the process is authorized* by existing laws, closes a very remarkable transaction, which, from first to last, has baffled all expectation, having been protracted far beyond the calculations of its authors, and yet at length concluded much more quickly than the most sanguine ventured to hope. The debt was contracted for the most part while the subjugation of the South seemed highly problematical, and consequently upon very onerous terms. When, therefore, President Grant had fully re-established order, and adopted the policy of reducing the public liabilities, he took advantage of the improvement of Federal credit to refund at a lower rate of interest. In the beginning of 1870 the amendments to the Constitution which were needed to sanction the changes made by the war had been adopted; the reconstruction of the Southern States was to a great extent effected; order was restored in every part of the Union, and the vast multitudes of men called away by the conflict from their peaceful vocations had returned to the pursuits of industry; the cultivation of cotton had recovered almost its former magnitude; throughout the North and the West prosperity was advancing, as afterwards with us, "by leaps and bounds;" the Federal revenue was greatly in excess of the current expenses; the overflowing surpluses were applied to the reduction of debt, and the Federal bonds had risen considerably above par. There seemed every reason, therefore, to anticipate that the policy of conversion would be rapidly successful. But Mr. Boutwell, who was then Secretary of the Treasury, made a mistake in the form in which he decided to attempt it. He asked leave to convert three hundred millions sterling, not *into one* consolidated stock, as he ought to have done, but into three separate stocks, bearing interest respectively at 5, 4½, and 4 per cent. His reasoning was specious. The United States, he said, ought to have as good credit as any country, except possibly Great Britain, and therefore ought to be able to refund at 4 per cent. Just yet, however, that is not practicable; but let us gradually accustom investors to a lower interest, beginning with five per cent. Had he issued only the five per cent. loan he would have been right in his inference. But by taking power to issue two loans at lower rates of interest he gave notice to all whom it might concern that the early funding loans would themselves in turn be refunded, and he thus indisposed investors to deal in them. *Bona fide* investors are troubled when they are called upon to receive back their money.—They have no use for it; what they want is an income; and therefore, when it is paid back, they have to go through over again all the bother, anxiety, and perplexity of selecting an investment. The way in which conversion was attempted was thus unfavorable to its success.

But the transaction was begun under a still greater disadvantage. The first Refunding Act received the President's signature in the very month in which the Franco-German war broke out. At the time the United States were in full swing of that inflation and feverish industrial excitement which terminated three years later in panic and disaster. It was not probable, therefore, that the new bonds would be largely purchased at home. It was Europe, and more particularly England, that was expected to take them off the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury. The outbreak of the Franco-German war disappointed this calculation. The European financial world foresaw that loans must be raised by France or Germany, possibly by both, and thus gave no heed to the terms offered at Washington. And, in fact, during the next three years French borrowing absorbed all the spare loanable capital of Europe. Then came the panics in Vienna and New York, the depression throughout the commercial world, the repudiations by Turkey and so many other Governments, the foreign loan revelations, and all the other circumstances tending to spread distrust among the saving classes, and make them hold a tight grip of their money. It is not surprising, then, that Mr. Boutwell's expectations were totally disappointed, and that years elapsed before the five per cent. loan was all taken. At length, however, it was all placed, a corresponding amount of six per cents. being called in, and then the four-and-a-halfs were offered for subscription. Mr. Sherman in the meantime had become Secretary of the Treasury, and he found a sudden demand springing up for these bonds. He wisely decided to close the subscription, and to offer in their stead the fours; and the result has justified the step. Yet at first they were bought but slowly. On the first day of the present year, as Mr. Sherman has stated, out of the 800 millions sterling of new bonds authorized to be issued only 170½ millions had actually been placed, leaving 129½ millions still upon the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury. At the same time the old bonds—five-twenties and ten-forties—redeemable, amounted to 113¾ millions; so that the Secretary has power to sell 15¾ millions sterling of fours in excess of the old bonds which he can redeem before 1881. With the new year an extraordinary demand arose. In January the subscriptions to the four per cent. loan amounted to 30 millions sterling, and again in February they reached the same extraordinary figure. In March there was a pause, and only six millions were taken. The curious panic in New Orleans caused money to become dear; and, what was far more important, fears were entertained that the settlement for the subscriptions of the two preceding months, to be made in April and May, would occasion trouble in the money market. The measures adopted by Mr. Sherman allayed these fears, and with the present month the demand for the fours sprang up again. In a single day twelve millions were taken, and in the first week of the month the whole of the redeemable sixes—the five-twenties as they are called—were covered. There remained the redeemable fives—the ten-forties—amounting to 39 millions in round numbers; and the whole of these were practically taken by the end of last week. That is to say, they were all tendered for; but Mr. Sherman reserved eight millions for public subscription, and if they are not taken *in sixty days, they are to be at the option of the former bidders.* Thus in less than four months four per cent. bonds to the amount of 113¾ millions sterling have been subscribed. *It is understood that the Secretary of the Treasury engages to sell no more fours until 1881.*

We have already explained how it came to pass that in the first eight years and a half little more than half the bonds offered for subscription were placed; it remains to inquire why the following four months have seen so great a rush for them. The first and principal cause unquestionably is the cheapness and abundance of money all over the world. We called attention to this phenomenon last week and to some of the speculations which it is causing, and since then we have had a further illustration of the influence it is exerting in the rise of Consols to 99⅛. The cheapness of money, which is only another phrase for the stagnation of trade and the discredit of ordinary securities, naturally runs up the prices of really sound investments. Banks and credit institutions, rather than allow their deposits to lie idle or discount bills at nominal rates, buy Consols here in England, and in America purchase the Four per Cents. At the same time the public themselves are eager to obtain securities which are above suspicion, and everybody who has credit is able to borrow on the purchased stock on terms that leave him a profit. Several other causes operate in the same direction with this, the principal one. It is felt that a further reduction of interest is not probable in a country where, in normal times, the average rate for the use of money is 7 per cent. This in itself is an attraction for investors. Then, again, every year which passes raises the credit of the United States. There was never any doubt as to the vast resources of the country, and there seems increasing reason to believe that, however dishonest the politicians may be, the people are resolved to discharge to the last penny all their obligations. The successful accomplishment of resumption on New Year's Day greatly strengthened the credit of the Union, and contributed to swell the extraordinary demand for its bonds that has since set in. In yet another way resumption has exerted a powerful influence. It has not been effected in what may be called a natural manner—that is to say, the Treasury notes have not been withdrawn from circulation; the Treasury simply holds itself prepared to redeem its notes when presented. Thus the effect of resumption has been to add gold and silver coin to the greenbacks and bank notes previously in circulation—in other words, largely to inflate the currency, and thus to intensify that cheapness of money to which we have already referred. Over and above these several causes there is an incipient revival of enterprise. The last two harvests have been the most plentiful ever known in America, and, in consequence, the export of grain has been unprecedented. At the same time there has been an immense exportation of cattle, meat, butter, cheese, and other produce. The wealth of the country has thus largely increased, and has permitted corresponding savings. It is inevitable that in such circumstances there should be an awakening of speculation. But the lesson taught during the past six years is too severe and too recent to be quite forgotten; the defaults of railways, States, and municipalities, and the bankruptcies of manufacturers and credit institutions, have been too numerous to allow the resulting discredit to pass away so soon. As a matter of course, therefore, speculation is at first ventured upon only where credit is above suspicion.—Lastly, it would be ungenerous not to recognize Mr. Sherman's part in the successful conduct of the refunding operations. He has impressed the American public with a confidence in his judgment and a belief in his integrity and single-mindedness which have helped amazingly to carry through everything he undertook. It must in fairness be added that thus far his management has been very able. Whether the transaction can be completed without a disturbance of the money market remains to be seen; but up to the present time the precautions taken appear to have been sufficient for the purpose.

GEN. GRANT is receiving that same kind treatment by royalty in the Eastern countries that was extended him throughout Europe. His arrival in the dominions of the Japanese Government was characterised by great pomp and splendor. A royal palace has been tendered him—the same that was occupied by the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit to that country a few years since. It was also used as a token of honor to Prince Alexis, on his famous trip through Japan. Such manifestations of friendship toward a distinguished American citizen is an evidence of appreciation on the part of that great Government for the people of the United States. There are few public men outside of Grant who would allow so many of the compliments to redound to the credit of his native country. No American ever had such distinguished honors conferred upon him. The respect shown the hero reflects vast credit on the diplomacy of a country that can command so much good will and amicable relations from every nation with whom it holds intercourse.—*Exchange.*

A Mystery Explained.

Parlor scene: Mrs. Brown, who has spent the summer among the White Mountains in search of health, and who seems to have searched the whole mountain side without being able to find a pair of blooming cheeks or an inch of healthful skin: Mrs. White, who has remained at home because her husband could not afford to go, but whose fresh complexion and bright eyes seem to have caught their bloom and brightness from mountain breezes.

Mrs. B.—Dear me, Mrs. White, how well you are looking! If you will not think me impertinent, let me ask how you can keep so healthy in this dreadful city? I have been to the White Mountains, go there every summer, in fact, and I can't keep off the doctor's list at that.

Mrs. (smiling).—I'll tell you the whole secret, Mrs. Brown. You remember how poorly I was last spring, some days even being confined to my bed. Dr.—— told Mr. White to send me to the mountains, but I knew he couldn't afford it, and I tried Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. *Its effects were so marvellous* that I also tried his Golden Medical Discovery, to cleanse my system. In my opinion, one bottle of the Prescription and the Discovery is better than six weeks of the White Mountains for a sick woman. I have only been out of the city a week during the whole summer; then my husband and I went to Buffalo and stopped at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' and Tourists' Hotel. The baths and mechanical apparatus for treating patients were alone worth going to see. Besides, our accommodations were better than we had at Long Branch last year, and the drives and scenery are superb. Let me advise you to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and try the Invalids' and Tourists' Hotel next summer instead of the White Mountains.

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Assignee's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that all of the book accounts, notes, judgments and assets whatsoever kind of E. W. Argus, bankrupt, will be sold at public sale at my office, No. 10 Oil Exchange, City of Bradford, on May 29th, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day. GEO. A. STURGEON,

22-3t Assignee.

Notice.

McKEAN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, SMETHPORT, Pa., May 16, 1878.

Parties assessed to pay mercantile, billiard, restaurant and tea pin alley tax will save costs by sending the amount to the undersigned on or before June 1, 1878. W. D. GALLUP, Treasurer.

Public Notice

Is hereby given that application will be made to Hon. S. F. Wilson, one of the Judges of the Courts of McKean county, at the next June term of Court of said county, for a charter to incorporate the First Congregational Church Society of Duke Center and Providence, of Duke township in said county, as required by act of Assembly.

S. E. CHERRYMAN, Att'y for applicants.

Duke Center, P., March 1, 1878.—3m.

Notice

Is hereby given that application will be made to Hon. S. F. Wilson, one of the Judges of the Courts of McKean county, at the next June term of Court of said county for a charter to incorporate the First Church of Christ, of Duke Center, in said county, as required by Act of Assembly.

W. I. LEWIS, Att'y for applicants.

Duke Center, Pa., May 1, 1878.—4m.

Notice

Is hereby given that application will be made to Hon. S. F. Wilson, one of the Judges of the courts of McKean county, at the next June term of Court of said county for a charter to incorporate the First Methodist Episcopal Church Society of Duke Centre in said county, as required by act of Assembly.

W. I. LEWIS, Att'y for applicants.

Duke Center, Pa., May 1, 1878.—3m

Notice

Is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution of the board of directors a meeting of the Stockholders of the Olean, Bradford & Warren Rail Road Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Eldred, McKean county, Pa., on

the 30th day of June, 1878,

at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of reducing the Capital Stock of said Company to $150,000.

C. S. CARY, Secretary.

Olean, N. Y., April 22, 1878. 20-3t

Subpoena in Divorce.

Olive Boyington, by her next friend James Hunt, vs Francis H. Boyington } In Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co., } No. 19 June T. 1878.

The respondent in the above entitled case is hereby notified to appear before the Judges of our said Court at the Court House in Smethport, on Monday, the 16th day of June next to show cause if any you have why a divorce from the bonds of matrimony should not be decreed the libellant, agreeable to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

R. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Smethport, May 22, 1878.—17

Auditor's Notice.

Bebenau & Wennesberger vs. J. L. Carnaghan & Co. } No. 319 September Term, 1878.

Having been appointed auditor to distribute the money arising from the Sheriff's sale on the above writ, I hereby notify all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at my office in the borough of Smethport on Friday, June 14, 1878, at which time and place they may be present if they see proper.

17-4t ROBT. H. ROSE.

Notice.

In the matter of the Estate of Erastus Crook, deceased. } In the Register Court of McKean County, Pa.

And now March 21, 1878, the executors of the estate of Erastus Crook, deceased, have settled their final account in the office of the said Register. The same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court of said county, to be held at Smethport, Pa., the third Monday of June, A. D. 1878.

JNO. H. BRAWLEY, Register.

May 16, 1878.—27-4t

Notice.

In the Orphans' Court for the County of McKean.

In the matter of the Estate of James Taylor, deceased. Upon exceptions to Executor's account.

The undersigned appointed an Auditor to hear the exceptions upon the exceptions and to examine and re-state the account, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at the office of Backus & Taylor, in Smethport, Pa., on Thursday, the 27th day of June, A. D. 1878, at one o'clock P. M., where all parties interested may attend and be heard.

J. C. JOHNSON, Auditor.

Smethport, Pa., April 29, 1878. 20-4t

Administrators Notice.

Letters of Administration of the estate of James B. Burkholder, late of Hamlin township, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to John D. Burkholder, of Haymaker, Eldred township, same county and State, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment; and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

JOHN D. BURKHOLDER, Administrator.

Haymaker, April 17, 1878.—6t

BY VIRTUE of a writ of FIERI FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate to wit, which I shall expose to public sale on the premises at Fort Allegany on Saturday, the 31st day of May, A. D. 1878, at one o'clock p.m.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the village of Fort Allegany, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post in the centre of the road south twenty degrees east sixteen and three-tenths perches from a stone set in the centre of the four corners, thence south seventy-five degrees east twelve perches to a post, thence south fifteen degrees west three perches to a post, thence south seventy-five degrees west twelve perches to a post in the centre of the road, thence by the centre of said road north fifteen degrees west three perches to the place of beginning, containing thirty-six square perches of land, be the same more or less, having thereon one blacksmith shop, two stories high, with wagon shop attached, and creek running through one corner of lot.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of W. C. Downs at the suit of Arnold & Dailey.

R. SARTWELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, May 6, 1878.

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1 Pickle Dish	.25
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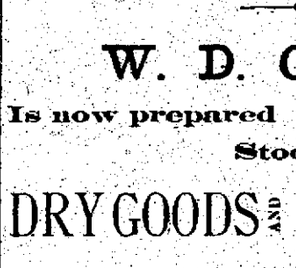

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Smethport, Pa., May 22, 1879.

Lodge Directory.

A. Y. M.

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Official Directory.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY.

President Judge.—H. W. Williams, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.
Additional Judge.—S. F. Wilson, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.
Associate Judges.—W. S. Brownell, Smethport; F. N. Burnham, Eldred.
District Attorney.—S. W. Smith, Port Allegany.
Sheriff.—Roswell Sartwell, Smethport.
Prothonotary.—John B. Brawley, Bradford.
County Treasurer.—W. D. Gallup, Smethport.
Commissioners.—W. J. Colegrove, N. W. Abbey, John G. Bover.
Com'rs Clerk.—H. F. Barbour, Smethport.
Jury Commissioner.—J. A. Anderson, J. E. H. White.
Auditors.—O. D. Vosburgh, J. J. Roberts, C. L. Bellows.
County Surveyor.—G. H. Lyon, Bradford, Pa.
Regular Terms of Court.—Fourth Monday in February and September, and Third Monday of June and December.

Borough Officers.

Burgess—S. J. Gifford.
Asst Burgess—H. S. Sartwell.
Council—L. S. Gleason, S. Gorton, A. B. Armstrong, Carl Sause, L. Ranier, W. D. Gallup.
Constable—H. L. Burlingame.
School Directors—D. L. Forsyth, David Sterrett, D. Hamlin, H. L. Knapp, E. G. Brown, H. L. Burlingame.
Justices—G. B. Smith, P. Ford.
Auditors—W. Gifford, C. E. Sartwell, A. B. Armstrong.
Poormasters—B. L. Knapp, J. C. Hamlin.
Judges of Election—S. Fatheon.
Inspectors—Robert Wolters, George Brownell.
Assessor—G. M. Smith.
Assistant Assessors—A. B. Armstrong, William Ranier.

Regular Meetings of Co. Commissioners.

The County Commissioners will hold regular sessions at the Commissioners Office on the first Monday of each month for the transaction of any business that may be brought before them. A special meeting will be held on the first Thursday after each court week for the settlement of county costs in Commonwealth cases.

H. F. BARBOUR, Clerk.

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—A good week's work was done by the court just closed.

—The Seven-Elephant Circus and Menagerie in Bradford Monday.

—None but reliable insurance companies represented by W. H. Mandeville. tf

—The already improved appearance of the Bennett House is frequently remarked.

—Strait & Co.'s well, on the Vincent farm, is reported to be doing 135 barrels since being torpedoed.

—A new church is talked of at Cole Creek. The liquor saloons and other like places are already in operation.

—The southern exodus of the colored people to Kansas is only equaled by the exodus from Eldred to Cole creek.

—Mr. Avery, late of the United States Hotel, Buffalo, is now connected with the Continental Hotel of the same city.

Gen. T. L. Kane was in town this week. He only had time to make a flying visit to the MINER office while the bus was waiting.

—Peter Boyle, the popular proprietor of the hotel at Carrollton is putting up a couple of bronze fountains in front of his hotel.

—Thursday of this week the Schoenblom & Roth well on the Geary farm, Cole Creek, was torpedoed, and made a flow of eight inches.

—Mr. P. M. Van Every was stopped by four ruffians on the road between Olean and Barnum City on Tuesday evening, and robbed of $168.

—The Venango Citizen has put on a new dress of type, and is now not only a good newspaper in the broadest sense of the term, but is a very good looking one.

—A well known farmer of North East, Pa., named Hiram Bartlett hung himself last week because he had purchased a mule which he thought he couldn't pay for.

—Bradford was visited by a fire on Thursday of this week which destroyed C. J. Lane's office, J. S. Bork & Co.'s office, Johnson House Co.'s house, Bradford Steam Laundry, the city lock-up, and a Chinese wash house.

—J. P. Wendel has just received a large supply of Butter Firkins.

—Soon the small boy will make his proud boast that he goes in swimming six times daily, and in the early fall will climb the golden stair.

—Geo. Ogilvie, the Main street butcher, understands his business, and can cut up a beef so that every customer will have the best piece. If you don't believe it, try him.

—The tide of emigration from Sweden seems to have again commenced in the direction of Kane. Full fifty families have already arrived this season.—*St. Mary's Gazette.*

—Most of us pass our lives in regretting the past, complaining of the present, and indulging false hopes of the future, when it would be vastly better to cut a pole, dig some bait and go fishing.

—One barrel of oil takes any man into a show in the Bradford country now. A seven elephant menagerie is just poking along through there, pumping dry a wide swath of wells as it goes.—*Elmira Advertiser.*

—According to the Emporium *Independent* the P. & E. R. R. Co. switched 280 oil tank cars into the B., N. Y. & P. yard at that place last Sunday, and took out about the same number of empty gondolas.

—Bro. Hughes, of the *Reporter*, beamed upon us this week. He was in a great hurry as he wanted to go to Buffalo. Hadn't been there in a long time and wanted to see if the town was the same that it was in the palmy days of annual passes.

—Our burden is becoming greater than we can bear. We mean our burden of obligations to Mrs. Fred. Johnson, of Larrabee, for many floral kindnesses. A recent consignment of rare and beautiful house plants places us under renewed obligations to the kind donor.

—Mr. Picard, the baker and confectioner, has won the everlasting regard of the employees of the MINER office. During one of the hot days of the first of the week he remembered them with a liberal feast of that excellent ice cream of which he always has a supply on hand.

—When a York State ruffian wants to kill his victim he inveigles him over the line into our so-called Grand Old Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The difference between hanging and twelve years' imprisonment being a sufficient inducement to resort to a little extra trouble.

—The Commissioners have awarded the contract of lining the cells and corridor of the jail with iron and putting in steam heating apparatus to Sellew & Popple, of Dunkirk. The reputation and standing of the firm is sufficient guarantee that the work will be well done.

—Rev. T. L. Flood, pastor of the First M. E. Church of Meadville, has accepted the editorship of the Chautauqua *Assembly Herald* for five years. Six stenographers will be employed. Ten thousand copies will be printed daily during the coming meetings, requiring two steam presses.

—The Bradford *Blaze* has gone out, expired, snuffed out of existence for want of support. It first proclaimed revolution, then announced its espousal of the cause of democracy—then died. One less newspaper in McKean county, one less organ of democracy. Who will fill the vacant chair?

—The Clearfield papers report many cases of diptheria in that county, the *Journal* saying: That dread disease, diphtheria, has recently made sad havoc in the homes of Thomas W. Kitchen and John J. Smead, of Chest township—four children of each family, cousins, dying from it. Three of Mr. Smead's children died within eight hours on the same day.

—The copious showers of last week so welcome to the rest of the world—or this part of it rather—was decidedly unwelcome to the proprietor of the Bennett House. It caught the workmen with the new roof only partly completed, and gave the house a thorough soaking. The damage is variously estimated, but will hardly reach $2000, as has been stated.

—George W. Founey, well known to many of our readers as for many years one of the proprietors of the United States Hotel, attempted suicide one day last week, while stopping at the Invalid's and Tourists' Hotel, by shooting himself twice in the head. It was at first thought that his injuries must necessarily prove fatal, but at last accounts he was still living.

—Smith, of Pike, says he is determined to get even with Governor Hoyt for vetoing his "fox bill," and in furtherance of his desire for revenge, threatens to send the first live fox caught in Pike county to the Governor—but not until he is thoroughly satisfied that it will "eat every bloody chicken Harry Hoyt has on his premises."—Sit down, Smith!—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

—This morning a fearful accident occurred at the Brown & Taffel well, on the Boszard farm, situated this side of the Four Mile station on the Narrow Gauge road, and east of the Kittanning road. John Orr, the driller, was lowering the tools into the hole when the brake suddenly gave way, causing a total collapse of the bull-wheel. Orr was struck by the falling timber and his head crushed in a terrible manner. His shoulder was also fractured, and he received other injuries that render his recovery extremely doubtful. Dr. J. L. Eddy was summoned from town, and went to the spot as promptly as possible. Mr. Orr is not expected to survive.—*Olean Times.*

—Our new local cotemporary, the McKean county *Democrat*, made its first appearance on Thursday afternoon of this week, instead of Tuesday as advertised. It is a large fine looking sheet, and we are glad to know that in appearance and character it will be a paper that we will not be ashamed to recognize as one of the institutions of the borough and county. We cordially welcome our new neighbor to a seat about the frugal journalistic board of McKean county. The fare is neither plentiful or rich and the table is already getting to be crowded, yet the gang is a cheerful and good-natured one, and will crowd together and make room for one more without grumbling. The *Democrat* takes the track as one more democratic organ of the county, and we leave it, with our best wishes, to the tender mercies of its able compeers already in the field.

—It has already been noted that Geo. Berry, Esq., returned from Harrisburg last week with the charter for the Bradford & Kendall Street Railroad in his pocket. During the past three days the remainder of the stock has been taken, and there has actually been a demand for $25,000 more than the whole capital stock. The second-hand material at Warren is being loaded on the cars, and as soon as certain preliminary work is done the work of construction will be commenced. Since there is such a demand for stock it might be desirable to extend the road to several other points in the city.—*Era.*

A Little Bad Luck.

It was supposed the rock would be found at a few feet from the surface in the Brant & Co. well, at which work was commenced this week, near the borough line, on Marvin. On the contrary, although they are down over 70 feet they have not yet struck the rock. This is a disappointment and incurs an added expense that was not looked for.

Further Postponement.

Action on the Tracy case has been further postponed by the Board of Pardons until the regular June meeting. It is probable, however, that a special meeting will be held to consider this case, from the fact that the regular meeting occurs during our June term of court when it will be impossible for the District Attorney to be in attendance.

Important to Township Officers.

The transcripts of unseated tax levied in the various townships by School Directors, Supervisors and Poormasters must be filed in the Commissioners' office on or before the 10th day of June next, in order to legally collect said taxes. The said officers will please bear this fact in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

H. F. BARBOUR,
Com'rs Clerk.

Viewers Appointed.

Upon a petition being presented to the court praying for the appointment of viewers to report as to the necessity of a new county bridge in the place of the time-worn structure over Potato creek, this side of the depot, the following were appointed as viewers: Robt. King, Daniel Forsyth, B. F. Wright, Geo. King, Samuel Card and Geo. B Moore. They will report at next June term.

Another Democratic Organ.

The Bradford *Blaze*, which was started as the organ of the oil producers to wage war against the Standard Oil Company and the *Era*, has of late shown evidence of approaching dissolution. It is now announced that Mr. Armstrong has retired from the concern, and that the manager, Mr. Dunkle, will put in a press and run the paper hereafter as a democratic organ. With organs at Smethport, Port Allegany, Kane and Bradford, the democracy of McKean county is certainly well supplied.

To be Put on the Market.

At this term of court A. B. Armstrong was appointed assignee of the L. Rogers estate, in place of Llewellyn Rogers, resigned, and Messrs M. A. Sprague and G. M. Smith were appointed appraisers to appraise and value the property. It is the intention of the assignees to have the borough lots surveyed out and numbered and put upon the market to be sold at private sale at reasonable terms on time. As soon as the matter is in shape the lots will be thoroughly advertised and described, and parties wishing eligible building lots will have ample opportunity to make satisfactory selections.

Whittlings from the Kane Blade.

The Thomson House will open for the accommodation of guests about May 20th.

The work on the foundation walls of Joshua Davis' new brick store is rapidly progressing.

A wrestling bout at the Bucktail Hotel on Friday last, between James Kelley and Peter McCann, for the championship of the world, resulted in the breaking of the leg of the last named gentleman.

Miss Maggie Mullin, of Smethport, has charge of the school out in the Green settlement.

Kissing Pets a Cause of Sore Throat.

A writer in the British *Medical Journal*, in a communication to the editor in regard to the possible cause of the recent outbreak of an epidemic of sore throat at Darmstadt, says: It is well known that women and children are in the habit of kissing pet cats and dogs, especially when these favorites are ill with discharge from the nose, cough and sore throat, and even use their pocket handkerchiefs to wipe away the secretion. I have seen this done frequently. As such mistaken sympathy is exceedingly dangerous, I think a notice in the *Journal* to this effect would tend to its discouragement. It is a common saying that, 'There! the cat has got a cold; now it will go through the house;' and, as this remark has been repeatedly verified, it shows how careful people should be to avoid contact with such a mode of contagion. I do not affirm that this was the way in which the disease was contracted, either within or without the palace walls, but I feel sure the habit of kissing pets is a source of danger that should be widely known and prevented."

An Instructive Fable.

The following, which we take from a Western paper, is just as applicable to one locality as another, and the chief beauty of it is, the more it is pondered, the more palpable become the truths which it reveals: "Once there was a young man who married a young woman, and she was rich and he was poor, and it made him sad to think of it. One day she told him damaging stories about some of their neighbors that she had heard at a tea-fight, and he listened and thought, and very soon he saw a way out of his poverty, for his wife believed the tales she had heard at the tea fight. After she had finished the stories, he said: 'I will go you five to twenty that there is not one word of truth in what you have just told me,' for he did not know how sure his game was, so he he wanted odds. And she, pitying his folly, said, 'It's a whack.' They investigated the stories and found them false; so he won. And they continued in this sinful practice of betting on the truth or falsity of town gossip, in the same order in which they started out, and four years had not turned the corner ere he had all her wealth, and she some valuable experience."

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, May 19.

Court called at 2 p. m., H. W. Williams, presiding.

W. D. Caldwell vs. Delia E. Calkins. Motion for att. sub. granted.

A. T. Newell vs. O. B. & W. Ry. Case continued by agreement.

Petition of Alice Dibble and Martha A. Goe to be decreed *femme sole* traders, filed.

Subpœna in divorce awarded Era Mary McNulty, Margaret Stephens, and Mary Ann Smith.

Warren Parks vs. J. C. Holden. Jas. George appointed auditor to distribute moneys. Rule on Sheriff to return money forthwith.

In the estate of Sylvester D. Keller. Petition for specific performance of contract granted.

In the matter of petition for county bridge across Potato creek. Viewers appointed.

H. J. Barbor et al. vs. Cornell & Keller. Rule to show cause and writ stayed. Testimony to be taken by deposition.

Erwin Davis vs. G. H. Montgomery. Auditors' report confirmed. Distribution of money ordered as per report.

D. H. Cobb vs. A. W. Blackman. Auditors' report filed, and confirmed nisi. Exceptions filed.

Report of road view in Wetmore township filed.

Burrell & Bauer vs. Hallock et al.—Rousalin Barnhart discharged from attachment for contempt upon payment to Sheriff of costs of arrest.

TUESDAY, May 20.

Thomas Bradley vs H. C. Johns. Motion for judgment for want of sufficient affidavit of defence. Rule made absolute.

Commonwealth vs. C. Livermore. Sentence postponed indefinitely upon payment of costs.

M. McMahon appointed by court assessor of Bradford city.

Incorporation of Temperance Reading Room, Bradford city, approved and ordered by the court.

In the matter of assignment of L. Rogers for benefit of creditors, A. B. Armstrong appointed assignee, instead of A. L. Rogers declined.

J. M. Tait vs. E. A. VanScoy et al. N. M. Orr appointed examiner to take testimony.

Jerry Conner appointed poormaster of Keating township by the court.

P. A. Abbott, use of exr's of A. N. Taylor, dec'd, vs. Bradford twp. Assumpsit. Jury sworn and case tried. Verdict returned in favor of plaintiff for the whole amount claimed—$330,48.

McDowell & Co. et al. vs. Hamlin & McCoy. Rule granted to strike from the record plaintiff's added after Nov. 17, '77.

C. L. Baker, John F. Galey and A. H. Low admitted and sworn as attorneys at this bar.

Petition for division of Bradford township. C. D. Webster, Benj. Havens and A. W. Buchanan appointed to enquire into the propriety of granting the prayer of the petitioners and report at the next term of the Quarter Sessions.

C. S. Whitney vs. A. T. Newell. Motion for rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Rule returnable to next term.

WEDNESDAY, May 21.

Petition of directors of Hamilton school district. Time for hearing extended to next term.

Subpœna in divorce granted Jennie Lake.

In the matter of the estate of L. Rogers. M. A. Sprague and G. M. Smith appointed appraisers.

A. T. Barden vs. Benj. Rounds et al. and the Bradford Oil Company, terre tenants. Jury sworn and case tried. Verdict given for defendants.

R. L. Parsons vs. Samuel Hepp. N. M. Orr appointed auditor to distribute money paid into court by Sheriff King.

THURSDAY, May 22.

Resignation of T. Sherman, Auditor of Bradford Township filed. Spencer Tibbits appointed to fill vacancy.

County of McKean vs. Poor District of Bradford Township. Rule granted returnable to June Term, to show cause on the part of plaintiff why the overseers of said district should not be compelled by mandamus to levy a special tax for liquidation of judgment recovered in above case.

Viewers appointed to locate lay out road in Hamilton Township.

Viewers appointed in the matter of bridge across Potato creek at Norwich Centre, Norwich Township.

Widow and heirs at law of Jos. F. Clark vs. Widow and heirs at law of A. N. Taylor. Jury sworn and case tried. Verdict found for the plaintiffs that portion of the land described in the plaintiff's writ as lot No. 78, containing sixty-seven and 9-10 acres, in part of warrant 4347; and found for the defendants the remaining lands described in the plaintiff's writ.

Bradford Bank, limited, vs. J. A. Wing. N. C. Orr appointed auditor to distribute money in court. Sheriff ordered to pay in money to court.

Com. vs. Wm. Picard. J. C. Fessenden, prosecutor, being brought into open court was sentenced to pay the costs in the above entitled case, and stand committed until sentence is complied with.

Willard Cummings vs. Chas. Pendleton. Exceptions to auditor's report filed.

Joseph Post vs. Bowen & Post. J. B. Chapman appointed auditor to distribute moneys.

FRIDAY, May 23.

Post vs. Book & Book. John C. Backus, master, is excused, and John G. Hall appointed master in his stead.

David DeGolier & Dorsey DeGolier vs. L. Emery, Jr., et al. Jury withdrawn and case disposed of as per stipulation filed.

H. H. Hallock vs. Burrell & Bauer. Continuance granted.

Same vs. A. T. Newell et al. Discontinuance allowed.

Burrell & Bauer vs. H. H. Hallock.—Discontinuance allowed.

Use of J. Connelly vs. Black. Rule on late Sheriff and Prothonotary to pay money into court, granted.

Geo. H. Lyon vs. O. B. & W. Railway. Jury sworn and case tried. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for the sum of seventy dollars.

W. B. Chapman vs. Charles Burnham. Hearing continued.

In the appointment of guardians of Wm. & Susan Collins. W. D. Gallup appointed guardian of children.

Clark, Babcock & Hulings vs. Bradford & Foster Brook R'y Co. Court direct case put at issue as in an action of trespass, def't to plead general issue.

Lafayette Kelley vs. E. W. Parshall. Case tried. Verdict in favor of defendant in the sum of eighty-five dollars and sixty cents.

P. Ford, Adm'r vs. I. R. Clark, adm'r. Rule on defendant to plead on or before third day of June term or default will be taken.

Chas. Walkup vs. C. C. Wright. R. B. Stone appointed examiner and master.

B. F. Goodrich & Co. vs Borough, now city, of Bradford. Court directs city authorities to levy and collect special tax for payment in said case.

In Extenuation.

Early in the week we received orders for printing two Supreme Court paper books, each of which makes over fifty pages of printed matter. There are thousands of dollars involved in each case, and both *must* be done by Saturday night, no matter at what trouble or expense, to avoid the *entire loss* of both cases. We have a large force of compositors for a country printing office, but to carefully print two books of that size, set up ten or twelve columns of type for the paper, and do the other necessary work of the office, is rather more than our force can do in four or five days and do it promptly. There could be no delay in the printing of the books. The publication of the paper could be deferred a day or two without serious damage. We therefore, perforce, took the latter course. No one can regret the necessity more than ourselves. Although, thanks to our many patrons, we always have enough job work to keep us on the jump, it seldom takes us in the present shape, and we are sure our readers will bear with us when they know that it is only a liberal jobbing patronage that enables us to furnish so much reading matter at so low a price—indeed, in the case of many of our subscribers (so far as we have heard) for nothing!

POSTAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DUKE CENTER, May 17.

Duke is now seeing the liveliest days. We have nearly all the conveniences of an oil town, together with a society and business class of which any town might be proud.

The borough school building is beautifully located on the west bank of the creek opposite town and is to be finished ready for summer school. It will cost about fifteen hundred dollars.

The Disciples church, built by John Duke and given to the society, will be dedicated on the first of June. This morning the pleasant tones of the church bell broke upon the ear for the first time in Duke Center, reminding us of the improvement around us and that Duke is assumming a degree of prominence far beyond the expectations of any one.

The Congregational church is inclosed and will soon be completed.

The Methodist church is being built by contract, and will be pushed as fast as possible.

H. O. Robbins, banker, is building a residence on Grant street.

Duke Center Bank is doing a nice business. E. M. *Reardon*, cashier, comes here with a life long experience in the business. If capital, patronage and careful management can make it the bank will certainly be a success.

A. J. A. Bostwick's buying station has been established over the bank. This is a great convenience for our operators. Heretofore we have been obliged to go to Bradford or Olean to dispose of our oil. J. R. Funk, the gentlemanly buyer, was recently stationed at Port Allegany in the employ of the Tide Water line. Considerable oil changes hands every day and this will soon be an important point in the business.

The Plank Road is completed through Main street.

Business interests and society have been benefitted by a large number of citizens from Turkey City, Pa., locating here. Among those are Todd & Anderson, H. O. Robins, S. M. Jones, E. M. Reardon, and Mr. Lilly. If Turkey City can spare more such we shall gladly greet them as citizens.

G. G. Davis has sold his livery to "Cap" Pittenger, of Wellsville, N. Y.

G. M. Fox, proprietor of the Duke House, is making extensive improvements in his house. George is bound to keep ahead and sustain his reputation of keeping the best hotel in the region.

The United Pipe Lines are making arrangements to double pumping capacity. They now pump 11,000 barrels per day. Excepting Tarport this is already the largest station in the northern district.

James Roarke, from Jamestown, N. Y., has purchased the Empire House and is making extensive improvements.

J. V. Brown, former proprietor, has purchased a house on Grant street.

The fifty-hour walking match closes this evening. The boys are pretty badly used up.

Quarterly meeting of the M. E. church held here to-day and to-morrow. Presiding Elder J. L. Stevens is present in charge.

C. H. Cramer, on Foreman, struck a fifty barrel well on Kanaza branch this week.

CERES, May 18, 1879.

The Kemper well on King's Run is going down to the bottom. We hear that Kemper wrote to his agent to drop the drill until all were satisfied. This is the second well Mr. K. has put down here, and everything seems to have been conducted fairly and to the best advantage. Still the seventy-cent stuff remaineth far away.

The Rev. Thomas B. Brown, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee, died at his residence in Little Genesee on Friday evening, the 16th inst., of paralysis. He was a man much loved by all who knew him, always practicing what he preached, thus living an every day Christian life.

Stamping.

The undersigned having just received new patterns in embroidery and braiding for pillow-shams, toilet-setts, slippers, etc., would like the patronage of those wishing fine stamping done.

MRS. E. F. WALLES.
Mechanic St. Smethport, Pa.

Hamilton's Oriental Balm,

Or *Magical Beautifier*, removes all pimples, freckles, and skin blemishes, and gives a clear, transparent complexion, while its naturalness of operation is such that the use of a cosmetic is not suspected. It is the only preparation that meets the wants of refined ladies. Price, 50 cents per bottle. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

From Ceres.

May 18, 1879.

To the Editor of the Miner:

If there is anything in the Hon. Mr. Horr's theory of treating Greenbackism as a malady, Capt. Trevellick, of Detroit, has got it bad. He came to Ceres last Friday evening to give the people one of his Green-Crazy-speeches, and if a mule had any idea of ridiculousness, said mule, had *she* been present, would have hung her head in shame for the poor cuss and thanked her stars that her name was not Trevellick, for he is a bull-headed, boasting blackguard—one that knows it all—and his argument (as he calls it) cannot be refuted. He knows more than any hard money man, either Democrat or Republican, and if one of them dare meet him in debate he will skin the poor unfortunate in a little less than three minutes, *western time*. He is also very anxious that his boys should be "chips of the old block," for if he had a nine year old boy that did not know more than any hard money congressman he would bang him where he sits down, expecting at that point to get nearest his brains. Undoubtedly the old man knows where the family brains are located. He is a wonderful man. He has been to Africa, Australia and New Zeland. He is an awful man—he has been to New Orleans and CERES, Pa., where he blowed his gas to about thirty-one men and boys. He abused all parties except the Greenstamp party, and gave his audience to distinctly understand that of all the untold millions God had created Capt. Trevellick was the only one that really knew anything worth while to know.—He finally wound up with a terrible "teching" appeal to his audience, which was now reduced to about eleven souls, big and little. He then asked the people to contribute ten cents each, providing they had heard *history* enough to pay them. After some delay one hardware man (and by the way we heard that he is a new born Crazy-back-Greeny) passed the hat and collected *seventy-five cents*, and *fifty* cents of that was given by General Brock and Ol. Coon, two hard money Democrats, who said that they did not give it for the *gas* but to help the poor devil out of town. JAMES.

DIED.

PROUTY.—In Smethport, on the 20th inst., of Diptheria, IDA M., eldest daughter of Mr. Prouty, Supt. of the Extract Works, aged 9 years.

PROUTY.—In Smethport, on the 21st inst., of Diptheria, WILLIE H., second son of Mr. Prouty, aged 6 years.

"Out of heaven's gates of crystal
Flies an angel every morn;
And he roams with unseen pinion
Where sweet flowers the earth adorn.

"Flowers he seeks, with breath of Eden,
And he breaks the tender stems
And he culls from cot and palace
Blossoms for bright diadems.

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Ye whose household flowers have vanished
'Mid your tear-drops sad and dim,
Lo, they grace the scenes immortal,
Far away with cherubim."

BUSINESS LOCAL.

Worms! Worms!!

Children having worms require immediate attention, as neglect of the trouble often causes prolonged sickness. In children worms are indicated by paleness, itching of the nose, grinding of the teeth, starting in sleep, irregular appetite, bad breath, swelled upper lip, and other symptoms. Get a box of *Parmelee's Worm Candies or Lozenges*. They are a safe, pleasant and effectual remedy.—Price, 20 cents per box. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, druggist, Smethport.

The Human Locomotive

Should be carefully engineered, otherwise it may run off the track of life at any moment. To keep its delicate internal machinery in perfect trim, or put it in good working condition, use *Parmelee's Dyspepsia Compound*. The tone and vigor which it imparts to the stomach; its appetizing effects, the relief it affords in headache, its anti-bilious properties and its superior merits as a general corrective, makes it the most valuable family medicine of the age. Price per bottle $1; sample bottles 15 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, druggist.

A Common Mistake.

To consider as consumption what is really an affection of the *liver*. To keep your liver healthy and your blood pure and thus avoid many distressing complaints use *Parmelee's Great Blood and Liver Purifier*. It cures sick and nervous headache, and *indigestion*, and removes all unhealthy bilious secretions of the stomach and bowels. For costiveness no medicine is so effectual; also for bad breath, sour stomach, etc. *A positive guarantee of no cure, no pay.* Price per bottle, $1; sample bottles, 15 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

A Long, Delightful Day

Of sunshine and pleasure is the earnest desire of afflicted mortals. But without health there is neither rest, comfort nor happiness. Riches and glory are worthless without it. Disease makes life cheerless, and even home gloomy. Relief is more precious than gold. In all cases of headache, pains in the back, side and chest; nervousness, kidney and liver complaints, dyspepsia, diseases of the genital organs, impure blood, depressed spirits, and all female troubles, Sandaline is a certain and prompt cure. Powerful—though gentle—in its actiur, it directly reaches the seat of disease, cleanses the system of all impurities, and completely restores it to health and vigor. It is an unequalled diuretic, having no alcoholic properties, but possesses incomparable sanative virtues. In severe cases it should be alternated with Sandaline Elixir. Will do just as recommended, used as directed, or money refunded. Price $1. Ask your druggist. Thousands of testimonials attest its worth.—Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 11, '78. Dr. Gounod, 5 West 14th St., N. Y.: I am perfectly willing to certify that Sandaline Elixir, as prescribed by you, entirely cured me in a very short time mercurial poisoning, which I had contracted in my former business of a mirror manufacturer. My bones were as much affected as my skin. In fact, my whole system was in a state of disease. C. H. Stamford.—Dr. Gounod's great medical work, full of interest, over 250 pages. Price $1. Send for it.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure for consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, *free of charge*, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sheffer, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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LEGAL.

Financial Statements.

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

Statement of the Poor Funds of Annin township for the year 1878:

To	DR	
	$439 20	$ 439 20
	CR	
By orders	$43 74	
Exonerations	35 36	
Collector's fees	19 06	
Treasurer's fees	5 20	
J. S. Hodges' services	19 00	
L. J. Phenix—services	29 35	207 79
L. J. Phenix, Dr		231 41
Outstanding judgments		284 43

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the poormasters and find them as above stated.

S. E. JUNE,
A. HOLCOMB,
Auditors.

C. L. Bellows and F. W. Simpson, Supervisors, in account with Annin township:

	DR	
To duplicate, special tax,	$21 77	
Money from Co. Treasurer	97 73	$79 50
	CR	
By plank	17 07	
Exonerations	39 51	
C. L. Bellows Cr	81 78	
F. W. Simpson	34 50	
F. W. Simpson, Dr	19 25	
Due F. W. Simpson		14 25
Due C. L. Bellows		11 10
Outstanding orders		616 06
Judgm't in favor of Taylor estate		47 09

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of C. L. Bellows and F. W. Simpson, Supervisors of Annin township, and find them as above stated.

S. E. JUNE,
A. HOLCOMB,
Auditors.

D. C. WINSLIP, Town Clerk. 20-4t

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VEGETINE

THE VERY BEST MEDICINE

—FOR—

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.

NEWTON, N. H., March 27, 1877.

MR. H. R. STEVENS:—

Dear Sir,—Once more I take the pen to praise that king of medicines, Vegetine. When I began to take Vegetine two years ago with such marked benefit, my friends thought it was a stimulant effect, and would soon subside, leaving me as bad as before. Thinking that some of them would be benefited, which I wrote at that time, might think the same, I write once more to satisfy them on that point. Since I began to take Vegetine, almost two years ago, I have gained steadily until the present time, at which I am enjoying my former health, and consider myself cured by Vegetine. Two years ago I was so low as many could be and live. I was confined to the bed for eight months, and given up to die by eight doctors, some of the same skilled in this state. They said I had several diseases, including consumption, heart disease, and several others, equally fatal, and gave me up. My wife, taking a last resort, brought me through, and to that I owe my life, since my health began to improve. I have made a study of disease, and find the cause of all my symptoms to have been *Dyspepsia or Indigestion*, and I also find that five cases of disease in every dozen are effects of the same cause. When the food is not properly digested in the stomach, it becomes a poisonous, putrid mass, which is absorbed into the blood, and by that it is conveyed to all parts of the system, causing symptoms of disease in any or all of the organs of the body; and if this cause is not removed, these symptoms become in time organic diseases. I have given Vegetine a thorough test in my own case, and also in that of many of my neighbors, and find it to be the very best medicine extant for *Dyspepsia or Indigestion*, one of the symptoms of which is usually the belief that you have some fatal organic disease. I am well known in the towns of Goffstown, Weare, and Newton of this State (N. H.), and can furnish as undeniable corroboration to all of these statements. I will willingly answer any letters of inquiry in regard to my own case, or the use of Vegetine. Yours truly,

A. J. SUERICK.

If VEGETINE is taken regularly, according to directions, a certain and *speedy cure of Dyspepsia* will follow its use.

VEGETINE

FOR

ASTHMA.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

MR. H. R. STEVENS:—

Dear Sir.—For the last fifteen years, during the months of May and June, I have been afflicted with what the doctors called Asthma. It was very distressing, rendering me sleepless, so that I dreaded its coming on. I was recommended to use Vegetine. I took two bottles before I expected the attack, and was entirely relieved. I feel grateful to Vegetine.

JNO. T. ELLINGER,
1108 Girard St., Phila.

VEGETINE has restored thousands to health who had been long and painful sufferers.

VEGETINE

FOR

Pimples and Eruptions

—OF THE—

Skin.

H. R. STEVENS:—

My mother has used your valuable medicine, "Vegetine," for Tetter and Eruptions of the skin, and has found great relief by the use of it. I can recommend it for such complaints.

R. A. BLACKWELL,
Dec. 20, 1877. Calcutown, Union Co., Ky.

PIMPLES

AND

Humors on the Face.

In this condition of the skin, the VEGETINE is the great remedy, as it acts directly upon the blood. Its cleansing and purifying properties thereby causing humors to disappear. By its general treatment all impurities are thrown out. Pimples, blotches, etc., give a good circulation to the blood, relieving the inflamed or congested organs, restoring the health, giving a good, clear complexion.

VEGETINE

Prepared by

H. R. STEVENS, Boston, Mass.

Vegetine is Sold by all Druggists.

New Stage Line.

Notice is *hereby* given that on and after April 8th, 1879, the undersigned will run a stage for the purpose of carrying passengers to and from FARMERS VALLEY TO BROWNSPORT.

Good conveyance and reasonable charges.
3m1 A. H. TUBBS, Prop'r.

LEGAL BLANKS!

All the Blanks named below are kept in stock at the MINER Office, Smethport, Pa. Orders by mail or telegraph promptly filled. Any kind of blank not named in this list will be printed on short notice at the same price of those kept in stock.

Amicable Actions,
Amicable scire facias,
Amicable Revivals,
Affidavit and Recognizance for Appeal,
Attorney's Confession on Judg't Note,
Affidavit not Attachable for Board,
Advertisements,
Attorney's Receipts,
Bond of Indemnity to Constable,
Bond—License,
Bond—Impanneled,
Bond—Constables',
Bond of clerk in att'chm't,
Bond for stay of execut'n
Blank motion,
Commissions,
Constable's sales,
Contract—Land,
Contract—Teachers,
Charters of Incorporation, with app.,
Commission—Letter of Instruction,
Deed—Warranty,
Deed—Fi. Fa.
Deed—Quit Claim,
Declaration Common Counts (8 kinds,)
Execution
Election

My Childhood Sweet.

Wait not till the little hands are at rest
Ere you fill them full of flowers;
Wait not for the crowning tuberose
To make sweet the last sad hours;
But while in the busy household band,
Your darlings still need your guiding hand,
Oh, fill their lives with sweetness!

Wait not till their little hearts are still,
For the loving look and praise;
But while you gently chide a fault
The good deed kindly praise.
The word you would speak beside the bier,
Falls sweeter far on the living ear;
Oh, fill young lives with sweetness!

Ah! what are kisses on clay cold lips
To the rosy mouth we press,
When our wee one flies to her mother's arms,
For love's tenderest caress!
Let never a worldly bauble keep
Your heart from the joy each day should reap
Circling young lives with sweetness.

Give thanks each morn for the sturdy boys,
Give thanks for the fairy girls;
With a dower of wealth like this at home,
Would you ride the earth for pearls?
Wait not for death to gem love's crown,
But daily shower life's blessings down.
And fill young hearts with sweetness.

Remember the homes where the light has fled
Where the rose has faded away;
And the love that glows in youthful hearts,
Oh, cherish it while you may!
And make your home a garden of flowers,
Where joy shall bloom through childhood's hours,
And fill your lives with sweetness.

GOLD IN CALIFORNIA.

REMARKABLE CAREER OF GEN. JOHN A. SUTTER, THE PIONEER.

THE SIERRAS TO PENNSYLVANIA.

A Romance in Real Life, with Lights and Shades of Frontier Experiences.

In the quaint little Moravian village of Litiz, Lancaster county, Pa., lives John A. Sutter, known throughout this and other countries as the discoverer of gold in California. Few men have ever experienced such extremes of fortune, achieved so much against equal advantages, or suffered as great a measure of injustice as General Sutter. The record of his life would read more like a thrilling and highly improbable romance than the actual experiences of a flesh and blood hero, and while he remains with us the details of his very remarkable career should be gathered from his own lips and put in permanent form for the information of posterity. Nothing is intended by the present sketch but to give the barest outline of the old hero's wanderings, hardships and notable achievements, by virtue of which he is justly entitled to be accounted a national benefactor.

A representative of the *Times* lately invaded the hallowed precincts of old Litiz in search of this pioneer of civilization, and found him living with his wife in a neat but modest little house just opposite the principal hotel of the village. He is short and stout, a little lame with rheumatism, but erect and quite frisky yet, in spite of the weight of the weight of more than three-score years upon his shoulders. His head is bald, save patches of snowy hair on either side, and his face is adorned with side whiskers, militare moustache and goatee of the same color. He entertains strangers in a courtly way, hospitable to the very limit of his restricted means, and talks California as long as there is a listener within ear-shot. The following facts in his history are collated from the conversation had during the call alluded to.

General Sutter is by birth a Swiss. In 1830 he was an officer in the French army of Charles X., but after the revolution in July of that year he emigrated to America, apparently in quest of adventure, fame and fortune. He first settled in the western part of Missouri, but, finding that part of the country too tame, moved further west and 1839 reached California, then under Mexican dominion. Two years later, in accordance with the Mexican laws regulating the occupation and settlement of lands, he received a formal grant of eleven leagus near the junction of the Sacramento and American rivers. In 1845 a further grant of twenty-two leagues was made, in consideration of valuable civil and military services rendered by this most enterprising settler to the Mexican government. These services were evidently of high value. He had been commissioned to guard the northern frontier and to represent the government in affording security and protection to its inhabitants against the incursions of Indians and marauding bands of hunters and trappers who visited the valley for purposes of plunder. For his own protection and to carry out the spirit of his instructions he built, at his own expense, a fort on the first grant, surrounded it with a high wall and mounted cannon upon it. New Helvetia was the name he gave to the original eleven leagues which he settled, and upon which he built Fort Sutter, and the further grant of twenty-two leagues, adjoining the first named tract, was called *Sobrane* (surplus).

Between 1845 and 1848 this child of fortune reached the summit of his power and glory. He was the military commander of his district and the Indian agent of the territory—literally monarch of all he surveyed. His landed estate comprised, in round numbers, 150,000 acres. He had subjugated wild Indians and peopled the wilderness with faithful adherents and sturdy workmen. At the magic of his commanding voice houses, shops, mills and other evidences of civilization had sprung up about him. His growing crops spread up and down the Sacramento Valley for miles and miles, and his horses and cattle, sheep and swine covered a thousand hills. Contrast this ruler of an empire all his own with the humble denizen of Litiz; say that the discovery of gold in California in 1848 was the direct cause of so sad a downfall; add that the momentous event occurred on Sutter's own land and that one of his hired workmen was the prime factor in that event—and you have the skeleton plot of this rare romance in real life.

In May, 1848, the General was constructing an extensive mill-race for a saw mill and had a man named Marshall superintending the work. Some children picked out of the race a few shining particles and showed them to Marshall, who, being an old miner from Georgia, recognized them as gold. The influence of this discovery upon the world it would be difficult to compute; but that it worked the utter financial ruin of the man by whose enterprise alone it was made, is quite easy of demonstration. The news of Marshall's discovery spread like wildfire through the colony and, naturally enough, carried demoralization with it. Mechanics and other laborers deserted Sutter and went hunting for placers. All building was suspended and the mills in operation became a dead loss. No labor could be had to plant, mature and garner the crops. In the fall of 1848 the first newspaper report of the great discovery was made and, as is well known, the tide of emigration shortly after set in westward, carrying with it the adventurous spirits of the United States. The objective point of the earlier emigrants was Sutter's Fort, and not a '49er lives who reached that promised land and will not testify to the extraordinary kindness and hospitality of the commander. Sutter's domain became the camping ground of the throng that took the gold fever first, and it is a matter of record that they held liberal notions of the rights of property. They drove off horses and cattle by the herd, one party of five men disposing in this manner of $60,000 worth of these movable articles of commerce, and in three short years they had not only stripped him of the bulk of his personal property, but, under pretence of pre-emption claims, had appropriated to themselves all his lands, so that squatter sovereigns reigned where Sutter had hitherto been supreme and absolute lord. All that was left to him of his vast possessions was the legal and equitable title to thirty-three leagues of land.

In the meantime the Mexican nation had become involved in a difficulty with the United States. The department of California became of immense importance and Mexican ambassadors were sent to General Sutter with an offer to pay him $100,000 in cash, in addition to valuable tracts of land further south, for the establishment of New Helvetia, including the fort. This advantageous and tempting offer was refused, simply because the General had about him many Americans who would have been at the mercy of Mexican cut-throats if he abandoned his position. In fact, his sympathies and active co-operation were on the side of the United States in the struggle that followed. His fort became the nucleus of our military operations, so that General Sherman had ample ground for saying a short time since of General Sutter that "to him more than to any single person are we indebted for the conquest of California and all its treasures."

By the treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which ceded California to us, it was expressly stipulated that the owners of property therein should retain the same without being subjected to any contribution, tax or charge whatever. Our board of Land Commissioners, appointed for the investigation of land titles in California, confirmed Sutter's claim to the New Helvetia and Sobrante tracts. The squatters in possession appealed to the United States District Court, which affirmed the decision of the board. Then they appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and that tribunal of last resort affirmed the grant of eleven leagues, but, on the merest technicality, reversed the two previous decisions as to the larger grant of twenty-two leagues. Meanwhile, encouraged by his success before the lower tribunals, Gen. Sutter had sold much of the large tract, giving warranty deeds, and, to make good the covenants therein made, used up the smaller grant. He managed to save for awhile an estate on the Feather river, which he hoped would be a resting place for his wife and children, who had joined him in 1852, but in this project he was also disappointed. As the enormous expenses of a decade of litigation increased, he was obliged to mortgage this estate, and it has long since been all sold by the sheriff. For the purposes of educating two grandchildren he moved to Litiz a few years ago, and there he has since lived in retirement and rumination. The old General, who, if he had his own, would be one of the wealthiest men on the continent, thinks we are a nation, capable of great things, and certainly too imminent to be contest with anything less than exact justice between ourselves and an individual who has directly and indirectly been of incalculable benefit to us.

How Two Farmers were Swindled.

R. Hurd and J. B. Ellis, two well-to-do farmers of Alexandria, Genesee county, were beaten out of $750 each recently, by two good looking and oily sharpers, on the sale of a patent drag in Genesee county. Hurd was first called upon. The price asked for the right was $1,500; but the sharpers represented that if they could get $450 cash it would satisfy them, and the following arrangement was made:—Hurd was to give his note for $750, and it was to bait to induce Ellis, who they represented to have previously promised to take a half interest in the right provided Hurd took the other half, to also give a note for $750. Inasmuch as all they wanted was $450, they told Hurd that after getting Ellis' $750; they would return the former's note and give him $300 for the use of his name. To Hurd this looked like a scheme for making $300 very easily, and he accordingly agreed to it.—The sharpers then went to Ellis and repeated a similar story, representing Hurd as the one who was to be gulled, and promising after the transaction was made to return his (Ellis) note and $300. The bait took, and the notes in hand the sharpers soon had them disposed of for $1,250 at an Attica bank, where the two farmers were well known.

A Trick That Beat the Yankees.

A well-dressed and gentlemanly-looking man drove up in an open barouche in front of the State House at Hartford, Ct., Friday, and opened a sale of trinkets of one kind and another. He soon gathered round him a large crowd, who bought freely, as great inducements were offered. A ten dollar bill was sold for nine dollars; the nine dollars for eight dollars; the eight dollars was sold for seven dollars, and so on.

A pocket book was sold for five dollars, and bought back at six dollars. The crowd increased. It was evident that they had struck a big bonanza. Everything that was sold was bought back at an advanced price, and finally the man put up a lot of pocket-books. He said they cost him twenty cents a piece. Pulling out a roll of bank bills the auctioneer told the crowd not to go away, and asked if they were satisfied with their bargains. There was a unanimous response of "Yes." The fellow then said, "Well, so am I," and drew off about ninety dollars the winner. The crowd stood for a moment looking at each other in blank astonishment, and then sadly and slowly departed. The auctioneer didn't buy back the last of the goods sold.

A Strange Case.

Parkersburg (W. V.) Cor. Cin. Commercial.

An occurrence of a strange character happened at the County Poor House this week. A negro man, an inmate of that institution had for several years displayed symptoms of hydrophobia. He would perhaps for several days appear to be in his usual good health, when suddenly feeling the symptoms of an attack, he would inform the keeper, who would confine him in a room where he could do no injury to any one. In an hour or two his muscles would begin to twitch, beginning in the palm of his right hand, where he had been bitten by a dog when nine years of age (he is now twenty-one), thence running up the arm until the whole of his right side would be affected. He would then writhe about, foaming at the mouth, growl, bark, snap and bite at anything within his reach, at times tearing his own flesh. Once or twice he escaped from his cell, scattering the inmates, who were very much afraid of him at this time. The poor fellow was crippled in both legs, but when under these spells he was active as a panther and fully as dangerous. Several days since, during a lucid interval, he told Mr. Cook, the Superintendent, that he had dreamed if he could get a certain weed, which grew in a certain portion of the farm (which he had never seen), and eat it, he would recover. To humor the poor fellow Mr. Clark allowed him to go and get the weed, which he did, and ate it, saying at the time it was of very strange taste. After eating a small quantity he fell asleep, and awoke feeling quite well; as he announced, "never better." Mr. Cook says he has never showed a symptom of hydrophobia since eating the weed. The physicians, who have always adhered to the hydrophobic idea, have tried to find out from the fellow what sort of weed he used, but without success, as he says he could not and any more of it, and that he would not be able to identify it if he should find it. Whether his cure is permanent or not, time alone will tell; but it is certain that he now appears to be sound in health, without a symptom of the horrible attacks formerly of daily occurrence.

An Old-Fashioned Duel in Massachusetts.

Pittsfield Letter to Springfield Republican.

There was another duel in Pittsfield on May 7th, which has been kept very quiet on account of family connections of the parties and the young woman of the dispute. At a dinner party a week ago, which was largely attended and very pleasant withal, were the woman and a young man, who had been her ardent admirer for some time. But there also came another young man, who became so smitten with young woman that he paid her the closest attention during the evening, and he was looked upon with a good deal of favor. A challenge for a duel was sent the following morning, after the most approved fashion of the code, and it was accepted at once, swords being named as the weapons and a retired place just outside the fire district limits the place. Two intimate friends of the parties were chosen as seconds and quietly the duel came off. It was of short duration, after the preliminaries were arranged, and in five minutes lover No. 2 was carried from the field, though not seriously wounded. The first-named party acknowledged satisfaction and a vindication of his honor, and, after mutual making up all around, the course of true love ran as smoothly as ever. The oath of secrecy, however, was forgotten for once and, as the combatants are representatives or some of the families of social distinction, the affair has created some gossip in Pittsfield.

"Ready or Willing."

Being in a confidential mood, the other evening, Lawer Pleadwell was induced to tell why he didn't marry young Miss Tenderheart, to whom he had formerly paid attention. "Well," he began "one Sunday evening I called upon her with the intention of bringing things to a focus. I had thought of nothing else for a week, till I got into such a state of agitation that I hardly knew what I was about. We were sitting opposite each other, talking on casual matters, when I suddenly braced up, and looking Mary in the eye, (rather sternly, I suspect,) said I, "Now answer me without equivocation—mind you're on oath—tell me, whether or not, to the best of your knowledge and belief, you are ready and willing to become Mrs. Pleadwell? Well, gentlemen, she showed a spirit I had little suspected, and which thoroughly awakened me to an appreciation of the fool I had made of myself.—Mary was on her feet in an instant, raised herself to her full height—she had never seemed so tall before—and with "Mr. Pleadwell, when I am ready and willing, I will send you word, sir!" she bounced out of the room. And I—well, I thought I'd be going. Now, gentlemen, this is not to be repeated," added Pleadwell, half repenting his burst of confidence. All promised not to tell, and that is how we heard of it.

An Entrprising Widow.

A gentleman recently returned from Nebraska makes an interesting reference to the widow of a former prominent resident of this village—ex-Governor and Postmaster-General Alex. W. Randal. When the Governor died some years ago, he left his widow property which she disposed of for $15,000. The most of this she invested, in company with a New York man, in a herd of cattle in Nebraska. Believing, in a few months, that she was likely to lose her investment, Mrs. Randal went from Elmira to Nebraska, bought out her partner, assuming an indebtedness of over $12,000 and took entire charge of the business herself and has ever since managed it, and with marked success. For several years the sales of stock have reached $6,000 a year, and the herd is large again as it was when she assumed the management. Mrs. Randal declares herself delighted with the situation and although alone, in a section of the State known for its large number of rough people, she has received only the most kindly and respectful treatment.—*Waukesha (Wis.) Telegram.*

High Water in the Penobscot.

A Bangor, Me., dispatch of May 13 says: At midnight on Sunday last 200 feet of North Twin dam, on the West Branch of the Penobscot River, was washed away by a great freshet from the melting snow. Great consternation prevails among the lumbermen, as there are 25,000,000,000 of logs on the West Branch and if the dam cannot be immediately repaired and the drive got down, there will be a loss of $50,000 to the Penobscot lumbermen. Prompt measures will be taken as soon as the water falls, and repairs to the dam attempted.

A Young Speculator's Success.

The Oil City (Pa.) *Derrick* of the 22d of April relates the following: It was just one year ago that the new oil exchange in this city was opened to the public. What a book it would make if the stories of all the money made and lost in the exchange during that time could be truthfully told! One little transaction has come under our notice. On the day the new exchange was opened the ruling quotation for oil was $1.30. That evening, after the excitement of the day was over, a young man with but little money and an older gentleman with more capital were discussing the market. The young man, in the course of conversation, asked:

"What do you think of the market?"

"Oh, I think oil is cheap at present prices. The market can't go much lower. There's too much capital ready for investment."

"Perhaps that's so; but I'm feeling bearish," replied the young man, "I believe it will go to one dollar."

"Oh, pshaw! never!" returned the other.

"Well, now, I'll tell you what I'll do," said the enthusiastic young 'bear.' "I've got $100 that I'll give you for the privilege of 'putting' 10,000 barrels any time during the year at one dollar a barrel."

"Oh, pshaw! I don't want to take your money. It would be just like throwing it away."

"Well, I hardly think the market will go there myself, but I would like to get the 'put' as a hedge."

"All right, I'll let you have it," was the reply. "I know it's not business-like to sell a 'put' for so long a time and for so small amount of money; but I'll let you have it."

The $100 was paid and the contract made. The young man remained "short" of the oil during the entire year, until the latter part of October, when he, bought 10,000 barrels at 80 cents a barrel. He knew that this secured him $2,000, and he was afraid to wait longer for a decline. On the 30th day of November the market jumped up to $1.13. Then he sold 10,000 barrels, which a friend had been carrying for him at $1.10, thus clearing $3,000 on the purchase at 80 cents, and still having his "put." At the close of the year he "put" the oil, the market then being 97½ cents, but instead of buying the oil he gave the party to whom it was going a seller's option for the year. Yesterday he closed out the transaction at a profit of 22½ cents per barrel, or $2,250 on the 10,000. To this add the $3,000 made on the first turn, and we see that the young man made $5,250 in one year on a capital of $100.

Terrible Explosion.

On the morning of the 5th, a car load of glycerine exploded at Stratford, Ont., shaking the whole town. It occurred at the freight yard of the Grand Trunk R. R. Underneath the car a hole several feet deep was scooped by the explosion. The end of the brick freight shed and a portion of the roof were blown down, several frame buildings leveled and long strings of freight cars utterly wrecked. The business part of the town, nearly a mile from the scene of the explosion, shared in the disaster. Plate glass windows were broken and many blown in, frames and all. The damage is estimated at many thousands.

Two railway employees, working in the yard, were blown into fragments.—Others were injured, but the whole extent of the disaster cannot be known for some time. A second dispatch says the damage by the explosion is much greater than was expected. The houses around the freight shed are nearly all wooden buildings, and several were blown into fragments. Some fifty cars were blown into splinters, and as many more damaged.

Flynn, the checker, was badly injured. Two clerks in his office had a narrow escape, the buildings being shattered. A man walking toward the freight house, was blown over a fence and sustained but few scratches. A fragment of iron weighing over a pound was driven through a window of the hotel, half a mile from the explosion. The shock was felt at all the surrounding towns and it was supposed to be an earthquake. The car upon which the explosion occurred contained thirty packages which were entered as blasting powder. They were shipped on account of Vanderbilt, to be used in blasting at the Detroit tunnel. When the explosion happened the cars were being shunted in the yard.—The damage will exceed $200,000.

Geo. Hawkins, car dealer, had both eyes put out by a splinter, and is not expected to live. Joseph Humphrey was badly cut, and Alfred Lamb badly injured.

The Story of a Negro Financier.

There is a colored man here in Richmond, writes a correspondent of the Boston *Transcript*, whose history might interest those who are giving any thought to the "negro question." He was freed before the war, and hired as a butler in a private family, where he saved one thousand dollars. This sum, which was to him a great fortune, he hid in his house, where he passed the night. Every morning, before going to work, he counted over his gold. One day, being in a hurry, he left the bag upon his table and locked up the house. When he returned, the gold, the accumulation of years, was gone. The poor man was almost mad with grief, but the next day he began anew to make his fortune. Selling his furniture for $80 he began buying up second-hand household goods by auction and retailing them at a large profit. This was at the end of the war, when people were coming back to Richmond, and the city was in a state of great confusion, everything was selling for double its value, so that this enterprising negro often made as much as $50 a day. He soon bought a market, and built a $3,000 house, into which he moved. He then married, and bought a house for his wife's destitute family, educating her sisters, and sending them provisions from the market every week with his own. He now owns several hackney coaches, which bring him to a good deal of money; his market is well patronized, and he is held in high esteem by all—white and black—who know him.

A Curious Clock.

Milan has a curiosity in a clock made entirely of bread. The maker is a Peruvian, a native Indian, and he has devoted three years of his time to the construction of this curiosity. He was very poor, and being without means to purchase the necessary metal deprived himself regularly of a portion of his daily bread, which he devoted to the construction of this curiosity, eating the crust and saving the soft part for his work. He made use of certain salt to solidify his material, and when the various pieces were dry they were perfectly hard and insoluble to water. The clock is of respectable size, and goes perfectly well. The case, which is also of hardened bread, displays great talent in design and execution.

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MCKEAN & BUFFALO RAILROAD Time table went into effect Monday, May 13, 1879, at 8.00 o'clock a.m.

SOUTHWARD.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Ex.	Ac'm	Local
R. N. Y. & P.	A.M.	P.M	P.M.	A.M.
Buffalo L've	8.00	4.10	7.45	6.00
Olean	10.48	7.10	1 40am	12.15pm
B. N. Y. & P.				
Bradford	9.25	5.50	4.45am	"
B. N. Y. & P.				
Eldred	11.24*	7.52	8.35	7.40
Larrabee	11.33	8.05	8.56	8.15
Frisbee	11.42*	8.13*	8.57*	8.24*
Cory's	11.44	8.17	9.00*	8.30†
Warren's Valley	11.51	8.27	9 10	8.39
Pittsburgh	12.05	8.37	9.20	4.22
Crosby	12.20*			4.38*
Colegrove	12.23			4.42†
Hamlin	12.27*			4.47*
Wernwag	12.45*			5.05*
Clermont Arr.	12.57			5.17

NORTHWARD.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Ex.	Ac'm	Local.
	P.M.			P.M
Clermont Lve.	1.22			5.40
Wernwag	1.35*			5.50*
Hamlin	1.50*			6.05*
Colegrove	1.53			6.11†
Crosby	1.56*	A. M.	P.M.	6.15*
Smethport	2.13	9.25	8.45	6.31
Farmers Valley	2.25	9.35	8.56	6.43
Cory's	2.35	9.45	9.07†	6.52†
Frisbee	2.38*	9.47*	9.10*	6.55*
Larrabee	2.46	9.53	9.20	7.00am
B. N. Y. & P.				
Eldred	3.02	10.13	"	8.24 "
B. N. Y. & P.		P.M		
Bradford	6.30	1.05	"	"
B. N. Y. & P.			A.M.	
Olean	3.44	11.32	2.45	9.44
Buffalo Arr.	6.50	5.20	8.50	4.00

Trains will not stop at stations marked with a star (*). Trains will stop at stations marked thus (†) when flagged.

S. V. GODDEN, *Superintendent.*

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December 22, 1878.

TRAINS RUN ON BUFFALO TIME.

NO TRAINS ON SUNDAY.

SOUTHWARD.

Leave Buffalo 8:00 a. m.—Mail.—Arriving at Ebenezer, 8.16; Springbrook, 8.25; Elma, 8.36; Jamison's, 8.52; Aurora, 9.42; Wales, 9.52; Holland, 9.01; Protection, 9.10; Arcade, 9.26; Yorkshire, 9.35; Machias, 9.43; Franklinville, 9.50; Ischua, 10.14; Hinsdale, 10.27; Erie R'y Junct., 10.41; Olean, 10.48; Weston's, 10.56; Portville, 11.03; State Line, 11.17; Eldred, 11.24; Larrabees, 11.32; Bartwell, 11.36; Turtle Point, 11.43; Port Allegany, 11.56; Liberty, 12.15; Keating, 12.30; Shippen, 12.37; P. M. Emporium, 12.50; connecting at Olean with Erie Railway East and Westbound with Olean, Bradford & Warren R. R. for the New Oil Territory, arriving at Bradford at 12.15; p.m.; at Larrabees with McKean & Buffalo R. R.; at Emporium with Philadelphia & Erie R. R.

Leave Buffalo 4:10 p. m.—Port Allegany Express.—Arriving at Ebenezer, 4.27; Springbrook, 4.37; Elma, 4.45; Jamison's, 4.59; Aurora, 5.35; Wales, 5.47; Holland, 5.58; Protection, 6.07; Arcade, 6.21; Yorkshire, 6.36; Machias, 6.39; Franklinville, 6.50; Ischua, 6.56; Hinsdale, 6.59; Erie R'y Junct. 7.05; Olean, 7.20; Weston's, 7.10; Portville, 7.25; State Line, 7.37; Eldred, 7.49; Larrabees, 7.57; Bartwell, 8.03; Turtle Point, 8.15; Port Allegany, 8.28; p.m. connecting at Olean with Olean, Bradford & Warren R. R. arriving in Bradford at 8.25 p.m.

NORTHWARD.

Leave Port Allegany 6:42 a. m.—Express.—Arriving at Turtle Point 6.45; Bartwell, 7.00; Larrabees, 7.05; Eldred, 7.16; State Line, 7.28; Portville, 7.36; Weston's, 7.43; Olean, 8.00; Erie R'y Junct. 8.08; Hinsdale, 8.18; Ischua, 8.31; Franklinville, 8.44; Machias, 9.05; Yorkshire, 9.16; Arcade, 9.28; Protection, 9.38; Holland, 9.47; Wales, 9.56; Aurora, 10 09; Buffalo, 10.45 a.m. The Olean, Bradford & Warren train leaving Bradford at 6.00 a.m. makes direct connection at Olean with this train.

Leave Emporium 1:25 p. m.—Mail.—Arriving at Shippen, 1.41; Keating, 1.53; Liberty, 2.08; Port Allegany, 2.18; Turtle Point, 2.41; Bartwell, 2.46; Larrabees, 2.52; Eldred, 3.02; state Line, 3.13; Portville, 3.24 Weston's, 3.32; Olean, 3.44; Erie R'y Junct. 3.49; Hinsdale, 4.05; Ischua, 4.18; Franklinville, 4.37; Machias, 4.52; Yorkshire, 5.04; Arcade, 5.19; Protection, 5.27; Holland, 5.39; Wales, 5.50; Aurora, 6.06; Jamison's, 6.19; Elma, 6.35; Springbrook, 6.52; Ebenezer, 6.59; Buffalo, 8.30 p.m. P. & E. R. R. train from the East and South makes direct connection at Emporium with the above train, as do also the McKean & Buffalo R.R. train at Larrabees, the Erie Railway trains from the East and West at Olean, Bradford & Warren train leaving Bradford at 2.00 p.m.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division

WINTER TIME TABLE.

On and after Sunday, NOV. 10th, 1878, the Trains on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Division will run as follows:

WESTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves Philadelphia.....11.40 p. m
" " " Warren.....4.55 p. m
" " " Irvineton.....5.30 p. m
" " " Corry.....6.10 p. m
" " arr. at Erie.....7.40 p. m
ERIE ACCOM leaves Sheffield.....7.10 a. m
" " " Warren.....7.45 a. m
" " " Irvineton.....8.20 a. m
" " " Corry.....8.55 a. m
" " arr. at Erie.....10.30 a. m

EASTWARD.

ERIE MAIL leaves Erie.....11.30 a. m
" " " Corry.....1.30 p. m
" " " Irvineton.....2.05 p. m
" " " Warren.....2.35 p. m
" " arr. at Philadelphia.....7.05 a. m
SHEFFIELD ACCOM leaves Erie.....4.10 p. m
" " " Corry.....6.10 p. m
" " " Irvineton.....7.10 p. m
" " " Warren.....7.55 p. m
" " arr. at Sheffield.....9.30 p. m

Mail East connects east and west at Erie with L. S. & M. S. R. W., and at Corry with P. T. & R. W. W.

Mail West with east and west trains on L. S. & M. S. R. W., and at Corry with O. C. & A. & G. W. Railway.

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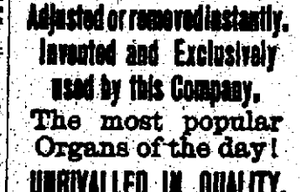

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